



Wisconsin - Cattle, January 1

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Wisconsin Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent, U.S. Down 1 Percent

Farmers in Wisconsin had 3.4 million head of cattle and calves on their farms as of January 1, 2010, an increase of 50,000 head from 2009. Wisconsin maintained its ninth place ranking in the nation for inventory of cattle and calves. Milk cow inventory increased 5,000 head to 1.26 million head on January 1. After declining for many years, the state's milk cow inventory has risen each of the last five years. Wisconsin once again ranked second in number of milk cows, behind California. Milk replacement heifers increased to 670,000 head, up 20,000 from one year earlier. Milk replacement heifers are defined as heifers weighing 500 pounds or more (including heifers not yet of breeding age) which are intended for milking in the future.

Wisconsin's beef herd declined as farmers had 260,000 beef cows on hand, down 5,000 head from last year. Beef replacement heifers also declined 5,000 head to 60,000 head. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 360,000, equal to previous year. Cattle on feed remained steady at 240,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 700,000 head, up 30,000 from a year earlier.

U.S. inventory of cattle and calves on January 1 totaled 93.7 million head, down 1 percent from last year. Texas led the way with 13.3 million head, followed by Nebraska with 6.25 million head, and Kansas with 6 million head. Beef cow numbers, at 31.4 million head decreased 1 percent from the previous year, and milk cow numbers fell 3 percent to 9.1 million head. The number of heifers, including those for beef and milk cow replacement, was up slightly at 19.7 million head. The number of cattle on feed decreased 2 percent to 13.6 million head.

Cattle and Calves - January 1, Wisconsin and U.S. 1/

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2010	Change	2010	Change
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
All cattle and calves	3,400	+1	93,701	-1
All cows	1,520	n.c.	40,456	-1
Beef cows	260	-2	31,376	-1
Milk cows	1,260	n.c.	9,081	-3
Heifers 500 lbs & over				
For beef cow replacement	60	-8	5,436	-2
For milk cow replacement	670	+3	4,516	+2
Other heifers	60	+9	9,714	+1
Steers 500 lbs & over	360	n.c.	16,440	-2
Bulls 500 lbs & over	30	n.c.	2,190	n.c.
Calves under 500 lbs	700	+4	14,949	n.c.
	2009	Change	2009	Change
Calf crop	1,370	+1	35,819	-1

1/Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO